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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SCHWANDER, Frank)
Serial No. 10/005,083)
Filed: 12/4/2001)
For: Spindle Sleeve with Transponder)
Examiner: Kim, Ahshik
Art Unit: 2876
ARGUMENT and
Petition for Extension of Time

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner Kim:

This argument is responsive to the non-final office action mailed 11/18/04. The allowable subject matter, namely, claims 10-15 is appreciated by Applicant.

Applicant requests an extension of time in which to respond pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136.

I. Argument.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rensel. (US 6,036,179).

As to claims 1 and 7, Applicant respectfully reasserts the arguments presented in the response dated August 16, 2004.

Claims 2-6 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1. Claims 8 and 9 depend directly or ultimately from claim 7.

2. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kulka et al. (US 5,483,827).

As to claim 16, Kulka teaches a transponder (10) in or on a vehicle tire (60). However, the transponder is taught as being integrally mounted in the tire, col. 7, lines 47-49. This appears to comprise placing transponder (10) within the tire plies prior to vulcanization, resulting in the

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